

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain
 2 management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:
 3 a) sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant utilizing a
 4 network;
 5 b) tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
 6 c) storing results of the tracking in a database; and
 7 d) allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking utilizing
 8 a network with TCP/IP protocol.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-
 2 based interface.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a
 2 restaurant.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access
 2 only after an identity thereof is verified.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.
- 1 7. A system for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-based supply chain
 2 management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:
 3 a) logic for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain participant
 4 utilizing a network;

- 5 b) logic for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
- 6 c) logic for storing results of the tracking in a database; and
- 7 d) logic for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of the tracking
- 8 utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1 9. The system of claim 7, wherein the results are accessible utilizing a network-
2 based interface.

1 10. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant comprises a
2 restaurant.

1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the supply chain participant is allowed access
2 only after an identity thereof is verified.

1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the goods have the bar code adhered thereto.

1 13. A computer program product for tracking the shipment of goods in a network-
2 based supply chain management framework utilizing barcodes, comprising:

- 3 a) computer code for sending a distributor an order for goods from a supply chain
- 4 participant utilizing a network;
- 5 b) computer code for tracking the goods utilizing a bar code;
- 6 c) computer code for storing results of the tracking in a database; and
- 7 d) computer code for allowing the supply chain participant to access the results of
- 8 the tracking utilizing a network with TCP/IP protocol.

1 14. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the network includes the
2 Internet.

- 1 15. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the results are accessible
2 utilizing a network-based interface.
- 1 16. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant
2 comprises a restaurant.
- 1 17. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the supply chain participant
2 is allowed access only after an identity thereof is verified.
- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the goods have the bar code
2 adhered thereto.